



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



PUBLIC ADVISORY ONLINE VISA APPLICATION SYSTEM

20 December 2021, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles informs the public that **effective 01 January 2022**, all ***Temporary Visitor Visa (9(a))*** applications will be processed via the Department of Foreign Affairs' Online Visa Application System (OVAS). All visa applicants must, therefore, lodge their application through the ff link:

<https://www.visa.gov.ph>

Applicants who go through OVAS will receive a confirmation email with an Applicant Reference Number (ARN). Applicants must forward this email to the Visa Section of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles:

visa_pcgla@earthlink.net

for further instructions on: (1) submission of additional documentary requirements, (2) payment of the visa fee, etc.

Given the current pandemic-related Philippine regulations on entry, only the following foreign nationals may apply for a *9(a) Temporary Visitor Visa*:

1. Foreign spouses of Filipino nationals;
2. Foreign parents of minor Filipinos and of Filipino children with special needs;
3. Foreign minor children and foreign children with special needs of Filipinos; and
4. Other foreign nationals as authorized by the Department of Foreign Affairs (with an Entry Exemption Document or EED).

Reminders:

- Only single-entry applications will be considered. Multiple-entry visa applications will automatically be **rejected**;
- Applications filed through OVAS or the email confirmation with ARN **do NOT constitute an approved visa**. Applicants must still courier their passport, visa fee and other supporting documents to the Consulate General **after** receiving further instructions through email;
- Applications received starting 01 January 2022 that were not lodged through OVAS will immediately be rejected and returned to sender.

For further queries and clarifications, please contact the Consulate General's Visa Section at visa_pcgla@earthlink.net.